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Wednesday

Bowling Green State University

Feb. 18, 1981

Board members disagree with trustee-selection bill

by Diane Rado
staff reporter

Two Ohio state representatives aiming for more diversity on college boards of trustees proposed a bill in the Ohio House last month that would revamp the selection method for trustees.

While University Board of Trustees members say they are unsure about its passage, they strongly disagree with several provisions of the bill.

House Bill 122, sponsored by State Reps. John Begala (D-Kent) and James Zehner (D-Yellow Springs), creates a 21-member State College and University Trustee Nominating Council responsible for screening people for open trustee spots at colleges each year. A list of nominations from the council would be given to the governor, who then would make trustee appointments.

The governor, speaker of the house

and senate president each would appoint seven persons to the council, which would contain six faculty members and three students.

TRUSTEES NOW are appointed solely by the governor, but a nominating council will lead to a more representative composition on college boards of trustees, Begala said.

Based on a survey of Ohio Trustees he conducted in 1978, Begala said, 85 percent of the trustees were white males, 70 percent were either businessmen, attorneys or doctors, and several were newspaper editors.

"They represent a form of interest in our society and they think the same way - in terms of business, large numbers, upward mobility and economic expansion," Begala said.

This kind of thinking, he claims, is contributing to a decline of humanities and liberal arts disciplines in colleges.

ZEHNER ADVOCATES economic and racial diversity on boards, but says the council mainly will break up the governor's tendency to appoint trustees that are members of his political party.

The makeup of the University's Board of Trustees fits Begala's stereotype of Ohio trustees.

All are white, all but one are men, most fall into the employment categories Begala cited, and a majority are Republican.

But board president Albert Dyckes says the trustees are not phasing out liberal arts as Begala claims.

"WE CERTAINLY aren't closing the door to the arts, but we're going the way the public desires," Dyckes said, citing the rising number of students enrolling in the College of Business Administration.

Because there will not be a set number of certain political parties or

racism required to be on the nominating council, trustee Charles Shanklin said the body "won't make a dime's worth of difference. They'll select the same people anyway."

Shanklin said he believes the University's board is diverse, but disagrees with implementing a bill at the University just because it may be needed at other colleges.

"I'm only interested in one university in Ohio and that's Bowling Green. I'm not concerned what happens at other universities. If it's not needed at Bowling Green, then it shouldn't be applied here," he said.

THE BILL also would place a student and a faculty member on boards of trustees, but provisions are included in it to fight any conflict of interests that could develop.

Faculty trustees could not vote on matters directly related to their salaries and students could not use

their position to influence their grades.

Violators would be guilty of first degree misdemeanors, and six months in jail, a \$1,000 fine or both could be the maximum penalty imposed.

Most University trustees say that violations would be hard to prove and they disagree with the penalty that could result.

"I THINK it's terrible," trustee Frazier Reams Jr. said. "I violently disagree with threatening a board member with a misdemeanor. It's absolutely nebulous to have something like that hanging over a trustee's head."

University trustees also oppose having a student and faculty member on the board, saying that a conflict of interest would be inevitable despite provisions in the bill.

Most of the trustees had been against a bill introduced in the House

in mid-January by State Rep. Mike Stinziano (D-Columbus) that would replace two students on boards.

Zehner said it may be possible that a final bill will be a combination of his and Stinziano's.

AND BEGALA said, "I don't care if it's my bill or his bill that passes, the most important part is getting the nominating council through."

Although similar bills he has proposed had been squelched in the last two General Assemblies, Begala said he is confident about its passage this time.

Zehner, chairman of the House Higher Education Subcommittee, said the bill will survive in House committees.

"We'll get something enacted in the House, but I don't know about the Senate," he said.

The bill will have its first hearing in the House Education Committee Feb. 25.

Column one

Woman victim of beating, robbery

A University freshman, apparently a victim of robbery, was beaten and taken to Wood County Hospital last night, according to Thomas Burke, associate director of Campus Safety and Security.

The woman, lying in front of the campus safety building and in the east end of Parking Lot G, was discovered conscious but incoherent by two unidentified men, Burke said.

Campus police said the woman was apparently struck on the head with an unknown blunt object, kicked several times and robbed of an unknown amount of money.

The victim was not identified pending an investigation. She was treated at Wood County Hospital for convulsions and bruises, and released.

Burke said last night that the department has no suspects in the case, although the department is questioning the two who had found her.

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Senior citizens are pleased with the opening of the new Senior Citizens Center, which was converted from an old post office. Page 3.

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Weather

Mostly cloudy. High 55 F (13 C), low 45 F (7 C). 30-percent chance of precipitation.



Dr. Edward Moulton, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, forecasts a gloomy financial future for the state's universities and colleges. Proposed budget cuts by State officials may mean an increase in student fees, he said.

staff photo by Scott Keeler

Ohio Board of Regents chancellor explains outlook of higher education

by Lisa Bowers
staff reporter

The Ohio Board of Regents coordinate and plan higher education for the state.

Edward Moulton has been the Regents' chancellor for the last two years. He oversees the board as it attempts to solicit funds from the state for support of educational formulas, program and enrollment planning, Ohio Instructional Grants program, and any federal education programs designated to the state.

Chancellor Moulton, in an interview with the News at the University yesterday, described the present state and future outlook of higher education.

Q: How do you view the overall financial picture for higher education?

A: "I'm basically an optimist, but I do think we have some deep financial problems in the country and the state. And I don't see any quick solution. This is probably not dissimilar from our energy situation—we are going to have to make do with less."

I am trying to give every bit of support that I can, and I am working against other priorities within the state and against a total resource that has really diminished. Some suggest that the answer might be additional taxes, but I think it is pretty clear that people do not want that.

In the governor's proposed budget we received the same proportion of money as we have in the past. It's just that there weren't enough funds. The only way we can get more would be that the revenues that was estimated be re-established higher, but there are those that believe the revenue is estimated too high already. Or we could approach upon other people's appropriations, but the problem with that is that each agency has the same thought in mind.

We have to be honest with ourselves and say we are probably going to have quite a time sustaining what it is that the governor has proposed. But I am obviously going to go to the legislature (March 10) with the Regents' budget that was earlier proposed, which is \$200 million more than what the governor proposed. But I guess I will have to be realistic and realize that we will probably not receive that additional money, but I would hope we would get some.

Q: Do you think that Gov. James Rhodes has made a strong enough commitment to higher education?

A: "Of course I'm prejudiced, having given my whole life to higher education. I'm not sure if he has or not, but of course from my point of view I'd like to see a stronger commitment."

But on the other hand, I guess every agency feels that way. I feel very strongly that we are the future economy of the state. If you have a stronger educational system,

then you create the talent within leadership roles; that builds a stronger economy and in turn, reinforces the whole system and builds a stronger higher education system and everything else. But it isn't immediate...some technical programs are fairly immediate in that the people will go immediately into the work force after a year or so.

But for the most part, the four-year students are an educated group of people that is a strong human resource. They develop business enterprise, develop quality of life and our resources that create a stronger nation. That isn't quite as tangible as some of the other programs.

If you give money to the criminal justice system, they can house X number of prisoners. With ours we can say we can supply educational opportunities, but there isn't a direct linkage with a payoff.

Q: Do you think Gov. Rhodes could have done more for higher education?

A: "Certainly, anyone can always do more, but I suppose the answer that would be given is in proportion to the other priority needs. I would have to conclude that we fared fairly well. There was one priority that he had to speak to and he really didn't have very much choice. And that is welfare."

Q: Because the proposed budget allows the same portion of funds to higher education as in the past but does not keep pace with inflation, what is the outlook for higher education?

A: "It will take a number of very difficult decisions in higher education. We are going to have to select the best from good (academic programs)."

We are going to have to close out some programs that aren't as effective as other programs or not as meaningful. We will have to eliminate some programs and sustain others in the same area in institutions and share in coverage of programs that are underenrolled or we will have to combine others. It has to be done very judiciously, but it has to be done. Otherwise, everything becomes mediocre when there's a limited number of dollars. We have to fight for everything we can get, but when that's all done, we have to take just what we can get. The other avenue of escape that we have is student fees. But that's counter-productive. It isn't unreasonable to move fees up, perhaps, along at the cost of living. But if you go ahead by a lot, you're dealing with diminishing returns (students).

Q: Because colleges and universities are being forced to increase fees, do you think they are cutting their own throats?

A: "Yes. I think it's supply and demand. But for every youngster that can't afford it, there are many that continued on page 4"

Says Faculty Senate must establish priorities

Moulton predicts academic cutback

by Kim Van Wert
staff reporter

State Universities will have to re-evaluate and cut some of their non-essential academic programs to deal with the bleak financial outlook for higher education, Dr. Edward Moulton, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, said at a Faculty Senate meeting yesterday.

"It will be a challenge for us to establish priority," Moulton said. "But it comes down to us separating the beneficial programs from the essential ones."

Cutbacks are necessary because Gov. James Rhodes' two-year proposed budget does not keep pace with inflation, he said, although higher

education still will receive the same proportion of funds as last year.

"WE ALL ARE aware of the financial plight of the nation and state," he said. "And it has arrived at our doorstep this past year."

"Now is the time to come to grips with reality," he added. "Once we get the resources, it will be a challenge for all of us to deal effectively with what we have."

Universities must decide which programs to sustain in a compatible way, he said, noting that the schools should continue to offer their best programs.

"Decisions to keep programs should come from internal priority systems," he said. "They cannot come from Columbus."

INSTITUTIONS can maintain quality education through a cooperative system, he added, explaining that universities should pool their facilities and make them available to all students.

A university may train students from another university in one of its strong areas, while the other university phases out the program, he explained.

Moulton cited the limited growth of new ideas and programs as a casualty emerging from the necessary cutbacks.

"It's hard to think about additions when phasing things out," he said.

HIGHER EDUCATION is the "fountainhead of knowledge," Moulton said. "And we should convey

to society that we are a need of the future."

"I think that in legislation we would receive more support than a mandate of people would provide us with," he said. "People see us as a glorified babysitters who monitor puberty."

"And small business enterprises hate us. They feel we are worthy of service for big enterprises," he said. "Maybe we need more people to put in English what we are trying to do."

Students should not be turned away from higher education, he added.

"And whatever money we get, we can run the (higher education) system," he said. "Somehow we will still be here. It is just a question of what kind of system we want and are willing to support."

Mayor, council debate over hiring of prosecutor

by Stephen Hudak
staff reporter

Mayor Alvin Perkins and Second Ward Councilman Patrick Ng squabbled over the proposed allocation of city funds to hire an assistant part-time prosecutor at last night's City Council meeting.

City Administrator Wesley Hoffman announced that the city's downtown had been entered into the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior. Hoffman also said the city was one of several cities named "Tree City, U.S.A."

Ng questioned the spending of an additional \$10,000 for another part-time prosecutor because the city already employs part-time city prosecutor Warren Lotz, who receives full-time benefits. Instead, Ng proposed the city hire a full-time prosecutor to handle all city cases.

Perkins responded by calling the discussion a rehash of a topic that apparently was decided during budget hearings two weeks ago by the council's finance committee, of which Ng is a member.

CITY ATTORNEY Patrick Crowley said hiring a full-time prosecutor was an option the city could consider, but he believes that alternatives would not be in the city's best interest.

"The new prosecutor would have to be a recent graduate of law school. He continued on page 3"

Nuclear power will price itself right out of business

Anyone who has paid a utility bill recently realizes that the cost of energy is high. Since 1973 America has been aware of this energy crisis. One of the sources touted to help solve the problem was nuclear power. Since March 28, 1978, America has been exposed to the safety and economic problems of nuclear power.

The safety problems inherent in the nuclear power program are largely from radioactive mining tailings to the yet unfound way to contain the radioactive wastes for tens of thousands of years, and including the possibility of an accident and release of radiation from the plant itself pose insurmountable problems.

But the safety of nuclear power can

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Tod Kenney

University student

be debated. Everyone can set their own standard of risk of death that they want. It is the economics of nuclear power that cannot be argued. Nuclear power is too expensive, it is pricing itself out of business.

TO BETTER understand the economics of nuclear power let me present a little of the history. First,

what is nuclear power? We are concerned with the generation of electricity by means of nuclear technology. The way we create electricity is to boil water, which turns a turbine in a generator that creates electricity. This can be done by burning coal, oil, garbage and by nuclear fission. Essentially nuclear power is the most expensive way man has created to boil water.

Nuclear power was supposed to make great contributions. The Federal Power Commission predicted that one third of the nation's electricity would be supplied by nuclear power by 1980. Actually today it only supplies 4 percent of our energy needs. What happened to destroy the great hopes?

In 1954 the head of the Atomic Energy Commission said that nuclear power would be so cheap that we will not have to meter it. But now nuclear power has become too expensive. Unpredicted cost increases are making nuclear power too costly.

Our local nuclear plant, Davis-Besse, which is only 35 miles from Bowling Green, is a perfect example of what can go wrong with a nuclear power plant. The initial cost figure for Davis-Besse was \$165 million. The final construction cost ended up at \$668 million. This is typical of all plants.

THE PERRY Nuclear power plant under construction near Cleveland was originally estimated to cost \$1.2

million. The price for the two plants will now be over \$5.25 billion.

Davis-Besse only operated 43 percent of the time last year. It cost customers \$1.8 million per week to buy replacement fuel. As far as comparison between a nuclear plant and a coal plant, John Dyer, from Toledo Edison, stated last December that the cost of operations were the same at 3.27 cents per kilowatt. It is obvious that the great promise of nuclear power has vanished.

We should not have to bear the cost burden and health risk of nuclear power. How can we prevent the use of it?

Conserve electricity. To lessen the need for electricity is to lessen the

need for nuclear power. Tell the utilities you do not want to be burdened with nuclear power. Toledo Edison, our utility which owns Davis-Besse is currently asking for a rate increase of 18 percent partially to recover the cost of Davis-Besse. They are holding a public hearing Feb. 19, so go there and express your views.

The Environmental Interest Group is going to make a presentation. Also on that Thursday the Environmental Interest Group will be having an anti-nuclear petition sign-up in University Hall. So stop by and be able to have some say on how your money is spent and your life endangered. We must stop nuclear power while we still have a chance.

Opinion

Bill promoting trustee diversity needs work

On the surface, the Ohio Board of Trustees reform bill shows a great deal of promise. But a closer look shows too many possible shortcomings that should be fixed before any action is taken.

Basically, the bill calls for a 21-member nomination committee. The committee would be a permanent body that would search for replacements to the state's colleges and universities boards of trustees.

Over the years there has been a trend to place Republican businessmen over 50 years of age on the boards. The goal of the bill is simple: to bring diversity to the state's board of trustees.

At first glance the bill shows promise. The 21 members would be nominated by various state officials and would show the diversity that has become representative of the student makeup of many college campuses.

It also would shift the focus of boards from business interests to other areas, such as arts and sciences, the proponents claim. This would help make for an equitable representation of all interests throughout the state.

Noble goals indeed, and goals with which we agree. However, a few major drawbacks exist.

First, there is no provision for minorities or women on the nominating council. The prospect of such representation is, for the moment, hypothetical and involves a lot of trust on the part of the state officials.

Second, there is no guarantee that the board nominees will be from diverse backgrounds, as is hoped. While chances of this naturally will increase with the bill, the council still will have to face political pressure and the final approval of all nominees by the governor, one who is himself over 50, Republican and a businessman.

We applaud the intent of the bill, especially in these times of campus diversification, but the bill has a lot of polishing in store before it can be a tool in changing the system.

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CARD needs students for anti-draft movement

More than 1,200 people, representing 200 organizations, met last weekend in Detroit for the first National Anti-Draft Conference. I was among four other University students from the Social Justice Committee that attended the conference. Under the direction of the Committee Against Registration and the Draft, (CARD) those attending the conference worked to develop unity and establish the direction of the anti-draft movement in the United States. I often wondered, during the conference, what the role of University student would be in the movement.

Early in the convention, it became obvious that opposition to registration and the draft must be viewed in the larger context of the U.S. war drive.

Rev. Barry Lynn, chairman of CARD, said, "The anti-draft movement must evaluate Reagan's full military and foreign policy, because if it is implemented, it will mean a draft."

HE SAID that even though Reagan spoke against the draft during his campaign "Reagan's plans for massive intervention and support of repression are only possible with a draft."

In this respect, the title "Anti-Draft" movement is a misnomer. What is really taking shape is an anti-war movement. It is a movement that recognizes that opposition to the draft, means opposition to racism, sexism and U.S. imperialism.

An example of this and a key unifying force at the convention was opposition to the escalating U.S. involvement in El Salvador.

President Reagan has committed himself to supporting the military Junta that rules in that country, despite its lack of support among the Salvadorean people. United States' military and economic aid being supplied to the regime and recently military advisors have been sent to the country.

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Kent Morse

University student

ARNALDO RAMOS, a leader in the Revolutionary Democratic Front (RDL) of El Salvador spoke at the conference. He claimed that FDL expressed the political will of 80 percent of the population and said, "Our two societies are in a deadly embrace, which if not changed will result in another Vietnam. The U.S. is sending millions of dollars to a murderous, repressive regime, a handful of assassins with no social base."

Ramos said, "The U.S. is committing itself to a protracted bloody involvement, which it will inevitably lose. You cannot defeat the entire people of a country."

In calling for an end to U.S. support for the military Junta, Ramos said, "We must have Salvadoreans provide Salvadorean solutions for Salvadorean problems!"

Merely supplying military hardware to unpopular regimes has proved ineffective in stopping popular revolutions from succeeding. Recent events in Iran and Nicaragua have proven that.

GIVEN THIS reality and Reagan's determination to keep El Salvador from falling into the hands of "leftists," a deployment of U.S. forces to El Salvador seems inevitable. For this to occur a draft would become necessary.

While the situation in El Salvador is similar to U.S. involvement in Vietnam, the anti-war movement of today differs in many respect from that of Vietnam era. Organizers of the conference commented that they received far greater support than they had anticipated. What is surprising is not the overwhelming support but that the support has come before an actual draft and before U.S. troops are involved in another country's struggles.

Jerry Gordon, a member of the Labor Committee for Safe Energy and Full Employment, said at the conference, "Ten years ago we were trying to bring a war of intervention to an end, now we are trying to prevent one."

Other factors suggest that this movement has the potential to affect a far more lasting change. To a greater extent than was possible in the 60s and 70s, there is the likelihood that anti-draft forces and organized labor will join in the fight against the U.S. war drive.

THE CONVENTION voted overwhelmingly to endorse and help build a march on Harrisburg (Three Mile

Island) March 28. The march is sponsored by the United Mine Workers, the United Auto Workers and several other major unions.

The purpose of the march is to protest the proposed reopening of Unit 1 at TMI, the dumping of radioactive water from Unit 2 into the Susquehanna river, to support the UMW in its struggle to gain a decent contract and to demand full employment. The outcome of this joint effort should be to meld labor, anti-nuclear and anti-war forces into a powerful coalition.

Besides endorsing the Harrisburg march, the convention voted to mobilize for two national marches and rallies on May 9. The demonstrations will take place simultaneously in San Francisco and Washington D.C. and will demand, "No Registration, No Draft," "Money for Jobs not War," "U.S. out of El Salvador."

The time prior to the May 9 actions will be spent sponsoring teach-ins, debates, educational conferences, rallies and picket lines to educate people and to build support for the demonstrations.

Where does Bowling Green fit in to all this? A CARD chapter is starting on campus. If you wish to become involved in anti-draft work on campus, call 352-8833. It is important that students respond now to the U.S. War drive and plans for intervention in El Salvador.

by Garry Trudeau

DOONESBURY



Letters

Don't University profs need speech checks?

We are writing this letter because we like many other BGSU students, have been (and are) victims of a communication barrier between some foreign teachers and their students. Although not all foreign teachers fall into this category, many of the foreign faculty members and graduate assistants here do not seem capable of transmitting the course information effectively. These teachers surely know who they are.

It is our understanding that before education majors may student teach, they must successfully complete a speech check. This test naturally

assures the College of Education that their student teachers will be understood in the classroom. Doesn't anyone care that some of our teachers here at BGSU are not understood in their classrooms?

Communication is essential in education, especially at a university. A speech check, therefore, seems essential for prospective BGSU instructors.

If the course material presented by teachers is unintelligible, how can we, as University students, be expected to learn. It would only take five minutes to prevent quarters of misery for thousands of students.

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New senior citizens center opens, delights visitors

Federal funds help city to transform old post office

by Kyle Silvers
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The new Bowling Green Senior Citizens Center, 305 N. Main St. opened yesterday to the delight of many area senior citizens.

"Just a shade over \$1 million" was spent to transform the old post office into a center, Administrator Jean Smith said.

"It was pretty gloomy when you came in here as a post office," she said.

MONEY TO BUILD the center was provided by federal funding and matching funds raised by the area office on aging, the county commissioners and some of the center's visitors, she said.

The previous senior citizens center was located in a one-room building on Wood County fairgrounds until the new center finally was completed after several years of constructing.

"The city purchased it from federal government in 1975," she said, explaining that the interior had to be gutted before any remodeling could be done.

The largest share of interior work was completed in 1980, she said. "We have 11 times the space we had at the old center," Smith added.

THE NEW CENTER includes a mezzanine featuring a purple ceiling and lavender pillars—a lunch room, a recreation room equipped with card tables and renovated pool tables from the old center, a music room, a work area, a craft room and exercise room, a small clinic, a shuffleboard court and a movie room, counseling rooms and a smoking lounge.

A darkroom and small shop where people can sell their crafts are also being planned.

Smith said she expects the center to

serve about 1,500 "seniors" with in a year, with the age of the average visitor being 70-75.

The center is free to anyone 55 or over from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and also will be featuring some activities, such as a monthly potluck, a bingo party and dances twice a month.

ANOTHER FEATURE the center provides is lunches five days a week. Visitors under 60 must pay the full cost of their meal, but those over 60 pay an anonymous donation basis, she said. Eighty meals also are prepared daily and sent to their nutrition center in Rossford, she said.

Previously, all meals were catered. "It's a pretty varied menu, but it has to be," she said.

Movies are provided every Tuesday by the library. These are usually short films, such as travelogues, she said.

She said the center hopes to provide regular medical services from the Health Department, including hearing tests, breast examinations and pap tests. Now, however, they only have nurses every other week to provide limited services, such as checking blood pressure.

A POPULAR FEATURE at the center is an art and crafts class taught by University students. Eventually, the senior citizens will be firing their own ceramic.

"They really like to do things that they can sell," Smith said.

The center is staffed by six full-time and four part-time employees, three of whom are senior citizens.

"What we're trying to do is have continuous programs of interest to seniors from morning to evening," Smith said.

"We have worked really hard to facilitate things for them," she said, adding that she doesn't want a center that is dictated by the staff rather than the wishes of the "seniors."



staff photo by Dean Koepfler

Playing cards, as this group of area senior citizens is doing, is one of many activities offered at the new Bowling Green Senior Citizens

Center. The new center was the post office before the renovation.

"We try for just the opposite here. It's a big facility and it's nicer than what they're used to," she said.

FIRST DAY VISITORS to the center expressed unanimous glee at their new gathering place.

Maxwell Craft, 871 Lyn St., said he liked the center, "very much. The old

center was more like an outhouse."

His wife, Ruth, also was pleased with the new building.

"The colors are beautiful," she said.

Chloedelle More of Pine Manor Apts., Napoleon Road, said she liked the center for various reasons.

"I like it because you meet people.

I'm staying just as active as can be," she said.

"I like it," Howard Zimmerman, of Gypsy Lane Trailer Court, said "it's wonderful here. I'll probably be coming here a lot."

"It's really nice and roomy and bright here," Ruth Dauterman, State Street, said.

Ray Reiner, 140 S. Summit St., said he expects the center to become a hub of social activities in the future.

"I think it's going to be a great place to eat and hold our dances," Dorothy Lane, North Grove Street, said.

"I think the senior citizens really appreciate it," Nina Hakk, South Summit Street, said.

Briefs

Faculty Recital Today

Saxophonist John Sampan and pianist Marilyn Shrupe will give a faculty recital today at 8 p.m. in Bryan Recital Hall, Musical Arts Center. Admission is free.

PRSSA to meet

The Public Relations Student Society of America will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in 403 Moseley Hall. Nominations of officers and discussion of activities are on the agenda.

Entry forms to pageant available

Entry blanks for contestants in the "Miss BGSU" Scholarship Pageant are available. Any female University student is eligible to enter and compete for scholarships and a chance at the "Miss Ohio" crown. Forms may be picked up at the Residence Life Office, 425 Student Services Bldg. The pageant will be held May 9.

Biology seminar today

Dr. A. F. Pearlmuter, of the department of biochemistry at the Medical College of Ohio, will present a biology seminar today at 3:15 p.m. in 112 Life Sciences Bldg. Topic of the seminar is "Studies in isolation and purification of corticotropin-releasing factor."

Pinochle marathon

Sigma Phi Epsilon will hold its fifth annual 52-hour pinochle marathon to benefit the Wood County Heart Association. The marathon begins at 7 p.m. Feb. 19 and ends at 11 p.m. Feb. 21. The fraternity has set a goal of \$1,500 for the heart fund.

Application deadline for Mardi Gras

Application deadline for Mardi Gras booths is noon today. There will be an informational meeting Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. in the State Room, Union. Any living unit and campus organization may sponsor a booth.

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would lack the experience of Mr. Lotz," Crowley said, adding that experience is an essential quality for long-run decisions.

Ng also raised the question of the Wood County Commissioners refusal to pick up the 40-percent tab of Lotz' salary for which the county is responsible.

Crowley told council that the city should file action against the commissioners if they continue to withhold the funding that is mandated by state law.

COUNCIL FINALLY agreed to allow the interdepartmental committee to investigate the hiring options, as well as the legality of paying full-time benefits to the part-time Lotz.

The committee's decision is scheduled to be released by the March 2 council meeting.

After the meeting, Perkins said he was initiating action on renaming some city streets after former University students and city residents who have performed in Olympic competition.

Perkins said he did not intend to rename any streets after former University student Stephen Lauterbach or former city resident Joseph Subic Jr., two of the former 53 American hostages held in Iran for 444 days.

Perkins said that signed consent must be obtained from property owners on the streets before those streets could be renamed.

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Survey to help IFC establish solid definition of hazing

by Alan Szabo

In an attempt to finally solve the question of what constitutes hazing, the Interfraternity Council is examining the results of a survey taken fall quarter.

"We want to come up with a more concrete definition of hazing," former IFC President Lance Mitchell said. "We need a general definition and an actual laundry list of those acts which are hazing."

This definition will be a policy accepted and enforced by IFC, Mitchell explained. IFC will take the policy to the dean of students and ultimately to

the Board of Trustees, in an effort to gain support for its enforcement.

"If it's accepted by the Board of Trustees, it will have a lot of weight behind its enforcement," Mitchell said.

THE SURVEY was comprised of 49 activities that were rated by respondents as to whether they believed those acts constituted hazing. Those taking part in the survey included 500 non-greek students; 100 faculty and administrators; 100 greek students and 100 minority students.

Although IFC has not yet had a chance to examine the results in

depth, the results appear similar to a survey taken last spring, Mitchell said. The group expects to have conclusions in a few weeks.

The policy established by IFC, if accepted by the board, will govern greeks in addition to policies in the University's student code, which affects all students, Mitchell said.

Although the policy set up by IFC will be separate from the student code, the University also plans to redefine hazing, said Dr. Derek Dickinson, director of Standards and Procedures.

"THE STUDENT code is going to be

revised and the revisions will definitely include hazing," Dickinson said.

The University will form a committee composed of faculty, administrators and students, which will hear from any interested parties. It then will draw up a document for the board to approve, Dickinson said.

One reason for the revision is because the definition of hazing only is a set of vague ground rules, Dr. Donald Ragusa, dean of Students, said.

Even though hazing was responsible for injuring two students in separate incidents in the last few years, neither case has been brought before the

University, Dickinson said.

THE FIRST CASE involved a student who had his tailbone cracked from being paddled. The other incident involved a pledge who cracked his tooth after fainting in a line-up Dickinson said.

"You need a complainant to bring a case to the University and that's uncommon because the person is hesitant," Dickinson said.

A question that arises, which the revised code must determine if it is hazing, involves students who voluntarily participate in the activities of an organization.

Dickinson gives credit to many organizations that have made an effort to eliminate hazing, but said he thinks it still exists under the present student code definition.

Although hazing may exist on campus, Wayne Colvin, director of Greek Life, said he thinks those practices causing serious personal injury have been eliminated.

"Some campuses have chosen to deal with the problem of hazing, and Bowling Green is one of them," Colvin said. "We have made great strides in eliminating problems and blatant activities involving hazing."

Greenhouseman lone ruler in silent, growing world

by Diane Rado
staff reporter

Outside, wind swirled the snow covering the barren grounds. Icy cold hovered at the door of the glass house. And if by chance the door opened, a jealous winter swept in, taunting the springtime in the University greenhouse.

Inside, the stillness, the greenness, the heat snuffed out winter with the help of a solitary human—Joseph Baker Jr.

The greenhouseman.

FOR EIGHT years he has been the lone ruler of the plant domain on the outskirts of the University campus.

For Baker, there is no big-city hustle, bustle bumping or crowding. It is rows and rows of silent green beauty that greet the bearded greenhouseman every day at 8 a.m.

For him there are no marketing plans to devise, no letters to dictate, no deadlines to meet.

But he bears the responsibility of about 1,000 lives flourishing in the crowded, humid rooms of the greenhouse.

"I'm happy here," Baker said simply, and his unflickering gray eyes did not lie.

"OTHER PEOPLE can have more money or live in a big city, but as long as I can keep doing the work I'm doing, I'd be happy anywhere," Baker said.

His soft-spoken manner and predominantly green attire almost blended into the green scene he has become accustomed to. Yet Baker confessed that was not always his specialty, that he studied history at the University in the early 1970s.

"I love this job, he said, although he sheepishly admitted, "My mother thinks I should go back into history."

With a knowledge of history and an interest in plants as his background, Baker became the greenhouseman in 1973.

HE WORKED at the city of Dayton's greenhouse one summer



Joseph Baker Jr., University greenhouseman, inspects one of the many plants growing in the University greenhouse — of which he is in charge of — and often finds himself almost completely surrounded by the growing foliage.

staff photos by Jim Borgen

during high school, learning the basics of plant care and developing an appreciation for plant life.

But he said, "I never thought I could make it a living. It's kind of like if you worked as a stockboy one summer — why would you think of managing the store later?"

Eight years later he is that manager but as in the early days, he still is learning. "I read everything I can get my hands on," Baker said.

Of course, the reading only supplements the knowledge he has gained from daily experience.

He busies himself each day watering the plants, regulating temperatures, potting, and controlling the insects that persistently invade his kingdom.

WHEN CAMPUS or city residents call with tales of dying plants, Baker is quick to offer advice.

He often cleans and readies the greenhouse for horticulture classes holding labs, and guides occasional tours for visiting high school groups.

But visitors are few at the isolated greenhouse. And the silence sometimes is hard to bear for the 29-year-old Baker, a guitar player who professes a love for music, dancing and good times.

"It gets quiet sometimes. A few days when nobody comes out I get kinda punchy," he said. "If you're the kind that likes to have a bunch of people around, this would drive you crazy."

But with a far-off look in his eyes, the greenhouseman added, "You get used to the quiet and it's kind of nice. And sometimes quiet can be appreciated because it's not around often. This is the kind of quiet you get out in the woods or by the ocean."

THE STILLNESS in the greenhouse sometimes may be overpowering, yet Baker says he does not talk to his plants.

"I don't think they'd listen," he said, laughing.

But with a more serious tone, he added, "You can love and kiss your plants to death every day, but if you don't give them the proper light, water and fertilizer, they're gonna die. I believe it's more important to



take care of your plants than to tell them you love them."

But he added good naturedly, "If that (talking) is part of your enjoyment of plants, then that's fine."

AND BAKER'S enjoyment of his job grows with each new day.

"The more I do it, the more I like it. It doesn't get old," he said.

He likes conservatory work, he likes the town, he likes the people here.

And he even admitted that he "kinda likes" his title as greenhouseman.

He laughed though saying, "Sometimes I have a little trouble because people come by and think I should be older."

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can because of high demand. We're in the business of public education and we're dealing with access. I think that there should be an institution available for anyone that wants to get a college degree and who has reasonable abilities to do it. You can accommodate a reasonable increase in fees, but if you try to pick up all the deficiencies that the state can't meet...I don't know of any institution that will do that. As I have testified before, that is an unreasonable assumption.

Q: What is the feasibility of state schools having to close in the future?

A: "Well, some have suggested that, but I don't think it is very feasible. We do have some branches of institutions and some have said during this financial crisis that some of those should be closed. But once you establish an educational center, it is kind of hard to take it back away from people. But that is not outside the realm of possibility; I see the answer there as 'no.' It's

out of the question and I've never heard of any consideration on that.

Q: How would proposed federal cuts in financial aid for students affect higher education?

A: "I really have two emotions about all this and I suppose I shouldn't. One is as a citizen of this country and the other is as an educational leader. I know as a citizen that we are going to have to cut back some things. I'm prepared to say that education is going to have to take some share of this. I would hope that the cuts would come in such a way that they wouldn't be life and death situations.

There are a couple of areas that I would hope they wouldn't touch and that is grants and loans for the disadvantaged (National Direct Student Loans, Basic Opportunity Educational Grants and Work Study Programs). I'm really watching the Reagan proposals for those things that are helpful to us as opposed to those things that are essential for survival. I can only hope that he doesn't cut those things needed for survival."

Transition quarter aids incoming freshmen adjust to college life, develop basic skills

by Kelly Armstrong

The summer transition quarter, a program that few incoming students know about, is designed to help freshmen adjust to life at a large college.

More than 40 percent of college freshmen in the United States have problems adapting to the environment at their respective universities, and consequently they drop out before their junior year, according to published material by the University.

The Office of Continuing Education, Regional and Summer Programs, added the transition quarter program to its other summer programs to help high school students ease successfully into college life.

"THE TRANSITION quarter is designed for academically strong

students who need more skills and orientation before they enter the University in the fall," Dr. Ron Marso, vice provost of the office, explained.

Marso said there are several types of students who attend the transition quarter. The first is the high school graduate who thinks he needs extra help in the basic skills of reading, writing and math.

Another type is the student who cannot decide upon a major. The transition quarter offers a course in career decision-making that aids the students in choosing an appropriate career.

Finally, a student may attend the transition quarter because he is a high school graduate who wants to graduate from the University early.

DURING THE summer, freshmen

are required to take between 14 and 16 hours of classes. Besides just attending classes, the students are given extra help by high school teachers acting as tutors while attending graduate school.

"The program is really unique because students are learning to study and sharpening their basic skills all under the guidance of trained personnel," Marso noted.

Last summer, the second year of the program, more than 400 students started college during this quarter. Out of those, 70-80 percent decided to return in the fall.

Marso said he is uncertain how the budget cuts will affect the program. "I haven't had to make any drastic cuts for this summer, but it may be our only choice in the summer of '82," he said.

CCPU: Communication and Crime Prevention Union is new group with big plans

by Rosanne Danko

On Nov. 20 the Communication and Crime Prevention Union was started at the University in connection with Student Government Association - Black Student Union disagreements.

And Chairman Von Regan Davis said that is just the beginning.

The group's main goals are to aid all clubs in popularizing events that could help the campus as a whole, act as mediator for disagreements, and, by increasing the communication between students, help lower the crime rate.

"We're not saying we have all the answers or that we can turn BG into Utopia, but if we can create some small help, we have done our job," Davis said.

THE GROUP IS relatively new on campus, having been officially formed in November, when Davis was a second-quarter freshman.

"It struck me as strange that at least 60 percent of the publicity material from clubs doesn't reach the majority of the students," he said. "Publications like The BG News are

part of the 40 percent that do because they have the manpower. I wanted my group to provide that necessary manpower to the others."

Davis began interesting his friends in the idea and word-of-mouth has been his biggest publicity boost. By the middle of November, 256 members were on the books. "Each day more and more people call me with an interest to help," he said.

On the day after their first mention in print, Davis received a phone call from President Hollis Moore Jr.

"HE WANTED to talk to me about our goals and see if we could be of some help in the squabble between the Latin Student Union and the Human Relations Committee," Davis said.

"People in control of student organizations realize that I have a different perspective on things. All the student leaders are upperclassmen. They're working now but I am questioning the effects of these decisions on the future," Davis said.

A booth at the Mardi Gras, where small-card games, Beat the Clock and

album drawings will be held with proceeds going to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, is one of the future projects for the CCPU.

A program for area high schools to introduce them to college life also is planned. "We want to get six or more BG students to take off a half a day and present a program to area high schools telling them about the realities of college life," Davis said.

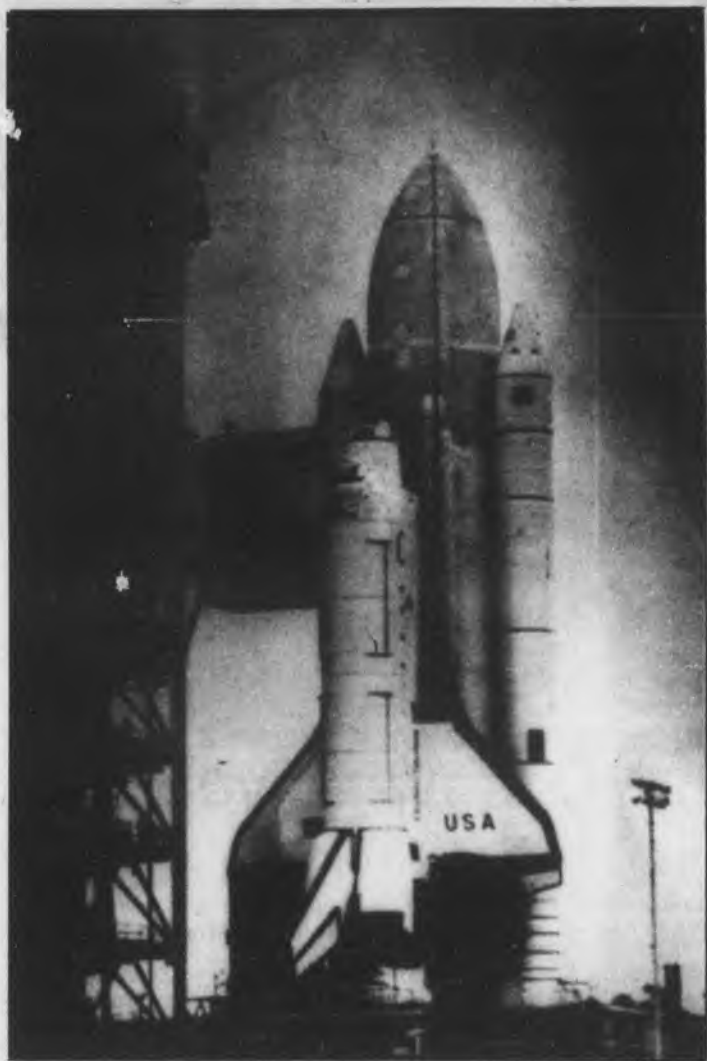
"Our belief is if we can explode some myths about college, like the fact that it is not just seven day

weekends, the students will be more adjustable to it when they enroll," he said.

Davis said he thinks this would help the University because future students would be less likely to depend on alcohol when the work load is too heavy or personal problems upset them.

Anyone interested in joining the CCPU should call 372-2367 and leave a message because "the way things go I'm usually never in my room," Davis said.

Elsewhere



AP photo

Blast-off?

Shuttle rehearsal slips behind

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The countdown on a full-scale launch rehearsal for the first space shuttle slipped about three hours behind schedule today, but space agency officials said they can make up the time as they aim for a critical and unique firing of the ship's engines on Thursday.

Launch Director George Page gave the go-ahead Monday night and hundreds of technicians triggered the test that will determine if the shuttle Columbia can at long last make its maiden journey into orbit in April with two astronauts aboard.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration reported that

occasional overnight rain had delayed some work on the launch pad. It also said that some crews had fallen behind as they got the feel of the countdown process for the first time.

The agency said there are mechanisms in the countdown process for the lost time, including 7 1/2 hours of so-called built-in hold designed specifically for catch up work.

THE EXERCISE duplicates most phases of a launch countdown. If there are no hitches, it will end at 7:45 a.m. EST Thursday when the spaceship's three main engines flash to life for 20 seconds while the vehicle remains locked firmly on the pad.

Reagan to honor hostage agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan will implement fully the Iranian hostage agreement, senators were told yesterday, and former Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie said the arrangement will not encourage further terrorism.

Muskie and two of his one-time deputies told House and Senate committees that America should honor the agreement with Iran that freed 52 U.S. hostages Jan. 20 after 444 days of captivity.

"We should fulfill the agreement because we are a great power with interests...in keeping our word," Muskie told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-Ill.) chairman of the committee, announced that Secretary of State Alexander Haig had told senators Reagan has

decided to "implement fully the agreement."

"THEY OBVIOUSLY will adjudicate any legal questions," Percy said. "It would be my hope that we will take any international questions to the world court."

Muskie said the deal maintains U.S. honor and said he and his negotiators accomplished "our objective not to make any arrangement to encourage terrorism in the future."

That is because "Iran paid dearly" for the hostage crisis, Muskie testified.

He said Iran was isolated by the world community for taking the hostages in violation of international rules of behavior, and lost the use of \$12 billion in assets frozen by then President Jimmy Carter.

"AND IN return Iran achieved none of its objectives," Muskie said. "Internationally and domestically, the United States emerged stronger and Iran emerged weaker."

Former Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, chief U.S. negotiator of the deal, also told the senators that Iran achieved none of its objectives.

Christopher said Iran failed to win a U.S. apology for past U.S.-Iran relations, got no U.S. ransom for the hostages, got no U.S. help in the Iran-Iraq war and never achieved its demand for U.S. return of the late Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

Muskie and Christopher said America must keep its word, not simply out of principle but to keep

faith with Algeria, West Germany, England, Switzerland and other countries that aided the negotiations.

CHRISTOPHER ALSO supplied fresh figures on what Iran did get out of the hostage deal.

Of the \$8 billion in Iranian assets turned over to a Bank of England escrow account, Christopher said, Iran has received \$2.9 billion.

He said \$3.7 billion was used to pay off Iranian debts to U.S. banks and \$1.4 billion is still in escrow to pay amounts remaining in dispute by the banks.

Of the some \$4 billion in Iranian assets that the United States has not yet released, Christopher said, \$1 billion will be placed in an account for paying U.S. claims against Iran.

Social Security could be depleted by 1983

WASHINGTON (AP) — The trust fund that provides the money for Social Security retirement checks will be depleted by early 1983 and could be \$63.5 billion in the red by 1986, the Congressional Budget Office said yesterday.

Unless Congress makes changes in the program, the deficit could grow to \$128.9 billion by the start of the 1990 fiscal year, the arm of Congress told the House subcommittee on Social Security.

Congress could keep the system afloat by making such changes as placing a cap on the percentage of money retirees could receive in annual cost-of-living adjustments and raising the payroll tax rate, now at 6.65 percent, by 0.5 percent, it suggested.

Raymond Scheppach, the budget office's deputy

director, testified that even if the economy improved during the next few years, the system would probably weaken.

"HIGH LEVELS of unemployment are likely to continue exerting pressure on the trust funds, as fewer workers contribute payroll taxes and as a number of older workers retire sooner than they would have if the labor market were stronger," he said.

But he said there probably will be an improvement in the system as the earnings of members of the post-World War II baby boom increases.

Some 36 million Americans receive benefits from the system, making it the single largest program in

the federal government. Made up of three trust funds, it will pay out \$138 billion this year to retired and disabled workers and their families.

Two of the trust funds, Disability Insurance and Hospital Insurance, are operating in the black. The other, the Old, Age and Survivors Insurance, is nearing depletion.

The House subcommittee, chaired by Rep. J.J. Pickle (D-Texas) is hearing testimony on ways in which Congress can rescue the system.

Pickle said the major retirement fund "will run short of reserves to pay a months benefits sometime in 1982."

But he added: "This is not an emergency. Nor is it the 12th hour."

Day in review

Senator proposes changes

COLUMBUS (AP) — A Senate-Republican leader yesterday proposed a sweeping change in Ohio's school funding system that he said would increase aid to virtually all of Ohio's 615 districts.

Sen. Thomas A. Van Meter (R-Ashland), said his plan would provide an additional \$720 million in state and local revenue annually beginning July 1, 1982.

But part of the proposal would require voter approval, perhaps at the November election, of a constitutional amendment before it could be implemented.

Van Meter's plan calls for a 1 percent, flat-rate increase, in the state personal income tax, along with a statewide uniform tax levy, of 30 mills, on all industrial, commercial, mineral, public utility and tangible personal property.

6 deaths prompt search

THOMSON, Ga. (AP) — Georgia agents called for helicopters yesterday to join a search for a moonshine still turning out poison whiskey that has killed at least six people.

"When you've got people dying from poison 'shine,' it's a big problem," said Jimmy Davis, the special agent in charge of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation office in Thomson.

The moonshine was laced with isopropyl alcohol, or rubbing alcohol, which turns into the chemical acetone in the body, Davis said. Acetone is used in paint thinner and dry cleaning.

Davis asked the Georgia State Patrol to use helicopters to assist in the search for the still, believed located in south Warren County, about 45 miles from Augusta.

Reagan withdraws pay raises

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan told Congress today he is withdrawing the 22 percent pay increases former President Carter proposed for Cabinet members, congressmen and top White House aides, his chief spokesman announced.

"We are recommending that Congress, the judiciary and the federal executives forego pay increases," press secretary James Brady said. But he added Reagan hopes to address the issue sometime within the next four years.

Although Reagan unofficially gave Carter the go-ahead before the proposal was announced Jan. 7, Brady said today the president wants top level officials to forego increases in light of economic conditions.

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Sports

Parfitt rationalizes Chips inept play in loss to BG

MT. PLEASANT, Mich. — There are times when I think Central Michigan coach Dick Parfitt has trouble coping with reality.

Last season, after BG beat the Chippewas in Bowling Green, Parfitt made every effort to avoid reporters from the CMU newspaper and radio station and then insinuated that Toledo Blade reporter John Gugger was a jerk, in front of Sentinel-Tribune sports editor Jack Carle and former News sports editor Dan Firestone. Parfitt did not want to field questions critical of his program and did everything to degrade the media.

Saturday he did it again, but in a different way. After the Falcons' road victory here, the first BG win in Rose Arena since the 1972-73 season, Parfitt refused to give credit to Bowling Green in their somewhat convincing triumph.

"I DON'T think Bowling Green forced us to make turnovers," he said. "We made unforced errors, like

Sideline

Pat Kennedy

staff reporter

they do in tennis. They just took the ball away from us after we rebounded. We were carelessly traveling when we should have been passing the ball."

The turnovers in question numbered 18 for Central to a scant eight for the Falcons. Parfitt lumped this in with other statistics as a cover-up.

"Eighteen times is not a lot of times to turn the ball over," he said.

"Eighteen to eight is a big difference. But there are four major stats — turnovers, field goal shooting, rebounding, and free throw shooting. We lost one of the major stats, 18-8. We won rebounding by six, we won

field goal shooting by one percent (62 percent to 61 percent); obviously we lost free throws, 12-4."

But there was another major statistic Parfitt forgot to quote — the score. BG's 90 points were more than CMU's 80 and that stat enters the win column and aids entrance in the Mid-American Conference post-season tournament and/or the NCAA or National Invitational Tournament. It also helps determine which coaches stay in a place and which look for other jobs.

BY LOOKING more closely at Parfitt's "major stats," we also can see his loosened grip on reality.

First, turnovers. Eight is a minimal number for 40 minutes of play. To me, it showed great ball control by BG — control which allowed the Falcons to climb back from two seven-point deficits to take the lead and control the tempo of the ballgame in the slowdown and stall offenses. Control is critical late in the game and has not always been

present as Bowling Green has lost leads and games.

Second, rebounds. The final margin was 29-23 in favor of the Chips. The smaller Falcons have been generally outrebounded all season and the closer the margin, the better. Key rebounds also allowed the key buckets when the teams were shooting it out in the second half.

Third, field goal shooting percentage. Central won this category, but was shooting 65 percent in the first half, while BG turned around and shot 71 percent (20 of 28) in the second half — the half that made the big difference in the game.

Finally, free throw shooting. BG was 12 of 17 for the game, while the Chippewas were four of six. But in the final minute of the game, the Falcons were six of seven from the line, while nine of 11 over the last seven minutes. The foul line has tripped Bowling Green several games this season, but not Saturday.

What does my getting down on Parfitt have to do with anything?

Well, he refused to give BG the credit they deserved both in winning and winning on the road. The importance of the win, as I analyzed in the stats, was that the Falcons won by themselves and did rely on their opponent (as has been the case in other games this season. With the stretch drive on, four more games including

tonight's game at Northern Illinois, Bowling Green needed a real confidence builder and got it. But they earned it and things may finally be looking up this season.

FALCON NOTES: Colin Irish, with three straight performance of 20 points, has raised his scoring average to 14.1. . . . Allen Rayhorn leads the Huskies with a 19.1 scoring average.

MAC standings

	MAC	All Games
Western Michigan	9-3	14-8
Toledo	7-5	15-7
Ball State	7-5	14-8
Bowling Green	7-5	12-10
Northern Illinois	7-5	12-10
Eastern Michigan	7-5	12-10
Miami	6-6	11-11
Ohio	4-8	5-17
Central Michigan	3-9	10-12
Kent State	3-9	5-17

Reds not interested in Fisk

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds, with five catchers on their roster, are not interested in acquiring free agent catcher Carlton Fisk, Reds president Dick Wagner said yesterday.

"We decided not to talk to him," Wagner said. "We don't see, in the make-up of our ballclub, where he could fit in."

The Reds, facing an ultimatum from Johnny Bench, had been believed to be interested in talking with Fisk after the veteran catcher won his dispute with the Boston Red Sox over the timeliness of this year's contract offer.

Bench had told the Reds he wanted to reduce his catching load by catching twice a week and playing another position on days he wasn't behind the plate.

WAGNER HAS said that the club agreed to let Bench catch twice a week, but it had not guaranteed him a starting job at any other position.

"The Bench thing will handle itself," Wagner told writers at a final Cincinnati press conference before leaving for the National League club's spring training headquarters in Tampa.

In addition to Bench, the Reds have catchers Joe Nolan and Mike O'Berry with major league experience, and are developing Dave Van Gorder and Steve Christmas in their minor league system.

Wagner said the club still had about 10 unsigned players on their 40 man roster — "about where we usually are at this point" — but he said preparation for arbitration with four players had taken time that would have been allotted to completing negotiations with other players.

THE REDS won their arbitration case with center fielder Dave Collins, and settled with infielder Junior Kennedy the day before that case was to be heard.



BG freshman Donna Homberger cheers her teammates on during a recent meet in Cooper Pool.

Homberger, BG 'never give up'

by Joe Menzer
staff reporter

Winston Churchill once told his fellow Englishmen to "never, never, never give in."

Earlier this year, Bowling Green swimming coach Tom Stubbs adopted the line from Churchill's rhetoric and told his women swimmers to abide by the saying.

One swimmer who has faithfully obeyed Stubbs' orders has been freshman backstrokeer Donna Homberger. Going into this weekend's OASW state championship meet in Youngstown, Homberger has been beaten just once each in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke events.

"WE KIND of adopted the saying 'never, never, never give in' and I think it really showed up against Miami when they were beating us early in the meet (by 21 points) and we came back to win," Homberger said. "He (Stubbs) told us that when we had a meeting in the middle of the meet. I think all of us have picked up on it pretty good."

Homberger has found college life demanding, but not much different than she expected.

"You spend about two hours more a day in workouts," she said. "It's more of a commitment. You spend a lot more time working."

"Mainly in high school you swim for yourself. In college, it's more team oriented. You get points for the team instead of worrying about your individual times."

ALTHOUGH she is only a freshman, Homberger has had the big meet experience needed to do well at a meet like the state championship.

As a senior at Fairmont East High School she placed ninth in the 100 backstroke among some of the nation's top high school backstroke swimmers at a national YMCA meet in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"She's been in some big meets."

She has had enough experience with that stuff," Stubbs said. "I don't think that (being a freshman) will be a tremendous factor."

Nonetheless, the Dayton, Ohio, native admits that she and many of her teammates are "pretty nervous" as BG prepares to defend its state crown.

"I just want to place in the top three in my events," Homberger said. "Mainly I just want us to win our eighth straight championship."

HOMBERGER also set a goal to achieve All-America status during her swimming career at BG. But by no means is that a long range goal.

"I just want to place in the top three in my events. Mainly I just want us to win our eighth straight championship."

The confident first-year tanker swims the 400 medley relay with roommate Cathy Schmitz, Terry Alexander and Debbie Dourlain, and also swims the 400 freestyle relay with Dourlain, Alexander and Cathy Bujorian. Homberger hopes both relay teams can qualify for nationals and possibly earn All-America honors at the AIAW National Championship next month at Columbia, S.C.

"Our relays have a chance to make the nationals. That's more of a team goal," she said. "I think if we can get our relays qualified, we can get All-America down at South Carolina this year."

Much of Homberger's success in the backstroke can be credited to a new kick coming off the turns.

"Off the turns there is a new kick that I think is quicker," she said. "A lot of backstrokers haven't picked it up yet, but I worked on it a lot this summer."

The extra work shows when Homberger takes to the water and

she has lost only two individual races this season. She finished second in both races and will get a chance to avenge the losses this weekend.

"SHE HAS certainly met our expectations and has the potential to surpass them," Stubbs said. "She will be up against some very good, stiff competition (this weekend), but she'll be right in there."

Homberger also attributes much of her success to her teammates and especially to Schmitz.

"I think it has helped a great deal. We're a lot closer, we know each other's problems and we help

each other out," Homberger said. "I'm more or less just a shoulder to cry on," Schmitz said. "If you are down about swimming or school it helps to have someone you can talk to."

Both swimmers are mirrors of confidence when asked about BG's chances of successfully defending its state championship for the eighth year in a row.

"I THINK we're going to win it," Schmitz confidently stated. "There are a couple teams to watch out for, but with the spirit and everything that we've got going for us, I think we'll win it."

Stubbs said he feels much the same way, but emphasized that his swimmers must not be overconfident.

"I think we're ready. We're going over there with the idea of winning it," he said. "Championship meets are a different ballgame — depth has a lot to do with it — depth isn't so important in dual meets."

High schools to pay entry fee for state tournaments

COLUMBUS (AP) — Ohio high schools are paying tournament entry fees for all sports this season to spare the red ink for district boards of control, state Commissioner Dick Armstrong says.

The \$25 entry fee for each girls and boys basketball team is the first such assessment for that sport in the 74 years governing Ohio High School Athletic Association.

"Our six district boards are having financial problems," Armstrong said yesterday. "We eliminated all entry fees a year ago.

They weren't uniform anyway. We thought we could give more money back to the schools, but our larger districts had \$30,000 cut out of their budgets."

"NONE OF them finished in the red, but some were dangerously close. And we didn't want to increase ticket prices for football or basketball."

The ticket prices, \$3.50 for regional and state basketball tournaments and \$3.50 for all state football playoff games, have not been raised since 1978, Armstrong said.

Basketball teams had been exempt from entry fees in the past, and Armstrong presumes it was because of the large revenues the sport raises for the OHSAA.

"But our association wasn't as large and didn't have many programs," he said. "All the entry fee money goes to the district boards."

Now, the ruling body for Ohio's 826 high schools conducts tournaments in 21 sports, 12 of them for the boys. It's a \$2-million-plus annual business.

CRITICS WONDER how the non-profit organizations could have had \$565,000 in certificates of deposit last April. Moreover, the OHSAA made \$584,000 from boys and girls basketball tournaments last spring.

Armstrong said the association currently has \$365,000 in certificates and needs that money to carry it through the non-revenue months from March to December.

"We have to have the money in CDs to finish the school year. We have no revenues from April to December," said Armstrong, a

former Canton school official serving in his first season as commissioner.

"We're going to have \$80,000 to \$100,000 fees in 10 cases we've been involved in since August. We budgeted \$12,000 for it. I had to borrow \$75,000 this year before the association got into football receipts. I didn't have the money to pay the bills," he said.

Armstrong says the OHSAA loses a combined \$100,000 on its spring sports tournaments.

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Street cleaner:

*Tom Dickey takes pride
in doing his dirty job*

He doesn't have his own office, he doesn't push paper, but Tom Dickey performs a valuable job for the city of Bowling Green.

He is the downtown street cleaner.

"All the streets in the city used to be cleaned by hand," Dickey said. "But the city grew, and now we have machines to do most of the work. I'm the only full-time street cleaner left."

Dickey has been working for the city for more than 25 years, but only has been the downtown street cleaner for a year.

"I worked at the park and cemetery in maintenance at first. Then I got switched to the streets division."

Dickey said the position of street cleaner was revived because there had been complaints about broken glass in the downtown area. It was something the city needed for a long time, he said.

"There's often a lot of glass around Court and Oak streets," Dickey said. "I've seen people take bottles and just break them on the ground."

Dickey said he thinks most students recognize the importance of his job. He recalled one incident when he was standing near a pair of University students and saw one of them drop some trash on the ground.

"The other one turned to his friend and said, 'Hey! Don't do that. That guy over there is the street cleaner!'"

He said he enjoys his job with the city.

"Most people react well to the job I'm doing. I like it when they walk up to me while I'm doing my job and say hello."

story by David Whitman
photos by Scott Keeler



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Work

"Work" is a publication of the staff of The BG News. This edition was edited by John Lammers. Pictures edited by Dale Omori. Design assistance by Dave Lewandowski and Dean Koepfler. Cover photo of Castmasters plant worker Paul Joseph by Dale Omori.



Foundryman Paul Joseph prepares a sand casing for molten steel.

For day shift, life begins at 3:30

Cars and pickups roll through the fog on Fairview Avenue and slide into Castmaster's parking lot. Workers shuffle blank-eyed through the factory's doors trying to shake off the morning.

They punch the clock. A few sip coffee or juice to soften the sting at the edge of their eyes, dreaming.

When that 7 a.m. whistle screams, another dream comes crashing down. The end of night, reality begins.

By 9 a.m. sulfur hangs heavy like smoke under fluorescent lights. Machines whirl and rotate shrieking phrases only the factory worker understands.

No union can make this a better place. The workers have voted down a union twice.

"This is work," Paul Joseph, a foundryman, said, "real work. I'm living for 3:30."

"When I get up every morning at 5:15 to come to work, motor reflexes get me here. I start the car; it knows the way. Once I'm here, then I psych myself up to work," he said.

At 25, Joseph pours steel into molds for Castmasters Inc. Sweat, dirt and metal fragments cling to his red beard. His face is streaked with dust and grime.

He has worked at the factory for seven years.

"When I first started, I had the feeling I'd be there a year or two. But the way the economy was going, I had to hang on," he said.

Joseph explains that his predicament is a result of his goals after high school.

"I wanted some money, a nice car and to impress somebody. People told me to go to college, but I screwed up. Now here I am in a rut, doing something I don't really enjoy doing," he said.

David Hartman works in the same foundry as Joseph. Hartman went to college, he also has worked at the factory for seven years.

"This is not my life's work. This is not my future. It'd better not be," he said.

Hartman said he feels ashamed that at the age of 30, after four years of college, and with a degree in history-political science, he is nowhere.

"All factory work is dirty, maybe more dangerous than other jobs. Certainly it is more monotonous. When I leave, I'm pretty tired. But after I have a beer and take a shower, I'm all right," he said.

Hartman does not believe he wasted time by attending college because he was introduced to new things. But, he said, the policy of "pick a college, pick a major, pick a minor, graduate" is harmful if you are looking for a career.

"I'm working here to pay the bills, like most of these people. You know, it's a job," he said, adding that the 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift does not allow him to do much job hunting.

Hartman said he and his wife Arlene hope to open a little shop of their own someday, maybe selling coffee beans.

Garland Franks is a machinist at Castmasters. For nearly 30 years, Franks has been working in factories.

"This is the best job I've ever had. I work hard but they treat me right," he said of the company.

"Here they treat you like you should be here. Most factories look down on you because you're a factory worker. But the plant

manager (John Crowl) comes out and talks to you and cares about how you're doing."

Franks, 44, quit school in the ninth grade because he didn't get along with the teachers. He worked setting bowling pins at an alley in North Baltimore, where he has lived all his life.

While he admits he has some regrets about quitting school, Franks said he has accomplished most of what he had ever wanted.

"I designed and built my own house. I'm happily married," he said.

"Sometimes I have my days, when I dread going to work -- I feel kind of blah. But you gotta go to work, and this is my life's work. You might as well be happy with it. I made my life," he said.

Molten steel explodes from sand casings. Spray from the liquid steel, 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit, leaps onto Joseph and three other foundrymen, dressed in protective asbestos coats and screened masks, as they pour into the casings.

When the steel cools, the dye will be finished and shaped into metal molds that Castmasters will sell to other metal industries.

Joseph has trouble envisioning himself leaving factory work soon. While he said he mostly hates his job, he has found self-satisfaction in his common labor.

He wiped sweat from his brow, saying, "When you prepare a mold, get it ready and all, by yourself, and everything turns out perfect on the first casting, you feel great. You feel like you did something right."

story by Stephen Hudak
photo by Dale Omori

'Missus Cussen' and the roles of a teacher

Friday, 8 a.m. Marcia Cussen walks from her Bowling Green home to nearby Crim Elementary School. She enters her deserted classroom, furnished with pint-sized desks that come up to her knees. The walls are decorated with crayon drawings of snowmen and graded spelling tests with "very good" and "terrific" written in her handwriting across the top.

Dressed conservatively in a sweater and skirt, she seems comfortable here, although she is a bit too tall for most of the furnishings.

She takes advantage of the quiet and plans her day, a day during which she'll change roles countless times from third-grade teacher to friend to disciplinarian to waitress to stand-in mother. She knows the peace won't last long.

8:30 a.m. The first of Cussen's 23 students begin to arrive, already demanding their teacher's attention.

Although there never is a "normal" day for third-graders, the children have a different sort of excitement about them today. Tomorrow is Valentine's Day, and that means special stories, trading valentine greetings and a party with homemade goodies.

"Missus Cussen, look at all the valentines I got," a little girl says.

"Missus Cussen, guess what?" another says. "My dog is sick."

"Missus Cussen, look at these flowers my mom found," a third girl says, waving a tiny bouquet of pink plastic roses in front of her teacher.

Cussen, 26, sincerely seems interested in their stories, as well as delighted by them. "The children love to talk and tell me things," she says. "I try to be a listener when they come in. They all have something to tell."

School hasn't started officially but Cussen already has begun hopscotching from one role to another in her relationship with her students.

"My No. 1 position is to be an educator. I'm here to instruct the children," Cussen, a 1976 University graduate, says. "But considering that you're with the children for so long, you have to play so many different roles. I have to let them know I really care."

"I want to be their friend, definitely. But there also has to be a difference in who's controlling, who's running things. Children at this age need someone like that. They need a leader."

But a leader still can be loved.

A little blond boy, accompanied by his mother, enters the room, carrying a giant pink heart-shaped cake. "Miz Cussen, look what I made for you," he says proudly.

Cussen smiles and thanks him, not as his teacher, but as his friend.

9:05 a.m. Cussen flicks the lights off, a signal for the children to go to their seats.

"Good morning, boys and girls," she says.

A chorus of eight- and nine-year-old voices answers in a monotone, sing-songy drawl: "Good morning, Mrs. Cussen."

"We're going to start this morning with a spelling test," she announces, eliciting a mixed response of groans, nervous whispers and clattering pencils.



She grabs a teacher's spelling book from a crowded book rack on her desk. There is the usual teacher's clutter on that desk: piles of graded and ungraded papers, a lesson planning book, a large bottle of Elmer's glue, a bottle of hand lotion, an apple.

Her agenda for the day is just as overflowing as her desk. The list of that day's goals is not a short one: read a special Valentine's Day story; give lessons in handwriting, reading, math and social studies; make a get well card for the school's ailing janitor; pack the children off for a music lesson; pass out punch and cookies as a holiday treat.

The schedule might make others tear at their hair. But Cussen takes it all in stride.

"Usually there's so many things you want to get done, there's just no way. You can't get flustered if you don't cover something, because that's just the way it is. You just figure if you don't get it covered today, you'll get it covered tomorrow."

10:30 a.m. The children tend to their class work while Cussen gives reading lessons to smaller groups of four to eight students. Here is evidence of Cussen's tremendous love for her job. She is just as pleased as the student when he reads a sentence correctly or pronounces a tricky word without error.

"Even the teeniest bit of progress -- it's so rewarding. Just a little bit of growth, that's what I strive for," she says. "And to make them happy."

The children work on their assignments diligently, usually so well-behaved that only an occasional scolding word or stern glance from Cussen is necessary. Meanwhile, Cussen circulates about the room, checking out their progress, trying to give all of them a bit of individual attention. As she keeps up her nonstop pace, she remembers a bit of wisdom passed on to her from one of her

teachers.

"A child doesn't remember you for what you taught him, but for how you treat him," she explains.

2:30 p.m. Excitement is buzzing in the air. The children have sat through another story and math and science lessons. They've listened to Cussen's tales about Australia, where she taught for two years before returning here three years ago to teach. They've had their lesson with their music teacher.

But now they're ready for a party. Cussen pours red fruit punch while two students dole out cupcakes and cookies baked by their mothers. The children hurriedly open their valentines from their classmates, occasionally running up to Cussen to show off an especially clever card.

She is almost as excited as they are.

"I think Valentine's Day to them is almost as big as Christmas," Cussen observes. "It's neat to see all the fun and excitement in children. They get excited over the littlest things."

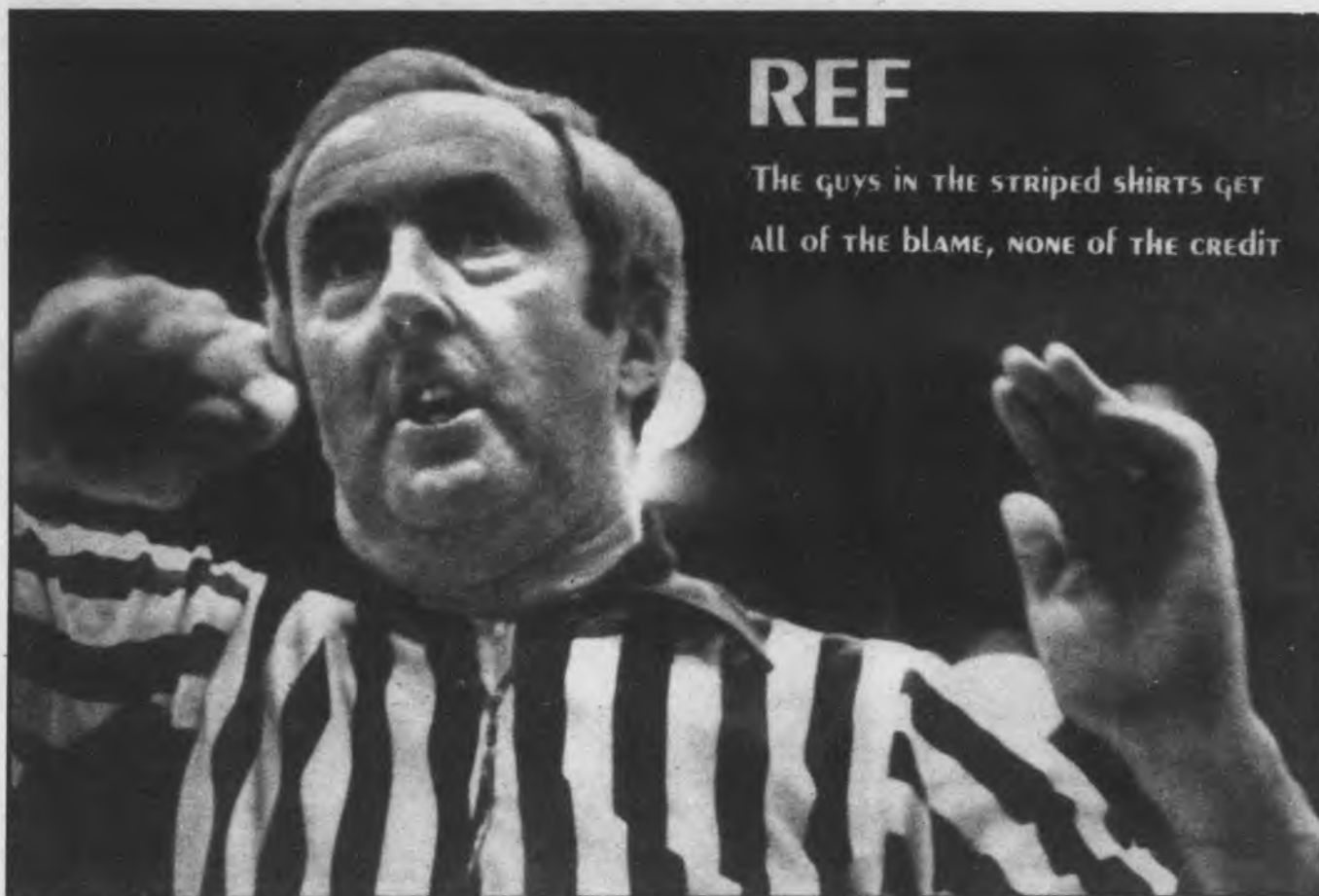
3:15 p.m. The remnants of the party have been cleared away, the children are bundled in their winter garb, awaiting the announcement that their buses are ready to leave. Their bookbags overflow with valentines and candies, including the cards Cussen made for them.

Still looking calm and in control after her harried day, Cussen smiles as her students shout "Thank you" and "Happy Valentine's Day" to her as they trickle out of the room.

She looks at her desk, now even more crowded than before, with added piles of cards, cookies, a heart-shaped candle and another apple.

"You're welcome," she says.

story by Paula Winslow
photo by Dale Omori



Jim Desmond

REF

THE GUYS IN THE STRIPED SHIRTS GET
ALL OF THE BLAME, NONE OF THE CREDIT

It was 6:30 p.m., one hour before game time. The lobby of Anderson Arena was filled with people entering for the Bowling Green-Ohio University basketball game.

Off to the side of the lobby, Mike Stockner and Jim Desmond sat in a cramped dressing room preparing for the contest they were going to officiate.

Stockner was polishing his shoes with care that would make the Army proud. Desmond unpacked his neatly pressed striped

shirt and black pants from the duffle bag. It was a ritual for the two veteran officials from Toledo.

The pair have been at it for 20 years. Their lives are like those of many other referees in major college basketball. They hold regular full-time jobs and moonlight as refs. But the second job is not for economic gain, and Desmond doesn't consider it a job at all.

"I enjoy officiating the same way now as I did when I started 20 years ago," he said. "Rules have changed, the players and coaches have changed, but my

feelings for the game haven't."

"The officials are just like coaches and players -- no different," Stockner said. "They have to be mentally and physically preparing before the game. When you go out onto the floor before a game, it gets your blood flowing. If it doesn't, then you better stop officiating."

The officials are required to be at the game site 1½ hours before tipoff. About 45 minutes prior to the game, they hold a meeting to go over all the rules and coordinate each other's moves since no two refs work two consecutive games in the Mid-American Conference.

Once the officials step onto the court, they are under scrutiny by more than the fans and coaches. The conference has an observer at each game, hired by the host school, to critique each official.

"They evaluate us on everything from whether we were here an hour and a half before the game to our appearance," Stockner said. "The critiques help us out, though. They keep the officials alert, and the critiques determine the amount of games the officials will work next season and whether they will have any post-season assignments."

But while the observer sits in the press box evaluating the refs, the fans and coaches are closer and giving their own verbal critiques, most of which do not favor the refs' calls. But Desmond said officials can't worry about what is going on outside the playing floor.

"You know they are there, but you can't have rabbit ears," he said. "You can't be bothered by

the noise, the harassment. If you do let the interference get to you, then it will affect your performance and it will be unfair to both teams.

"An official can't be bothered by what is happening in the stands or what the coach is saying," Desmond continued. "There is too much going on on the court for the officials to worry about."

The game flows along, and you don't notice the officials until they make a call you don't agree with. They follow the play closely, running as much as the players. But they don't have substitutes, there are no breathers outside of timeouts. The sweat on the forehead of Desmond tells you he's working, constantly moving -- reaching an average of five miles a game.

"Months before the season I start running," Desmond said. "You have to be in good physical condition to be able to officiate major college basketball. The conference requires we have a physical every year, and I don't think they would let anyone get too overweight and let them continue officiating."

"We also officiate scrimmages before the season at BG and Toledo as a favor to the coaches. It also helps us and the players get into game condition both physically and mentally."

"But it's all part of the game. If you don't enjoy it, if you aren't dedicated to the game enough to prepare yourself, then you shouldn't ref anymore."



Mike Stockner

story by Dave Lewandowski
photos by Dean Koepfler

Putting in overtime for classes, cash

Running your own business is a difficult thing, not to mention a risky one.

Mix business with going to school full time and things can get even more difficult.

But some students at the University have decided that owning their own businesses is worth all of the risks that come along with it.

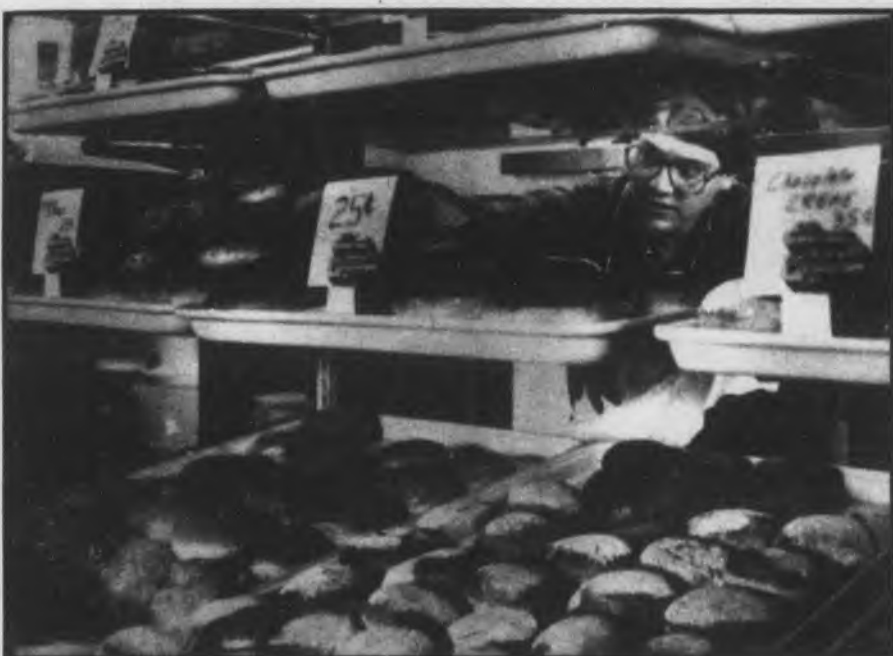
"It really cuts into my personal time," said Dan Shook, a senior personnel and labor relations major and owner of The Getaway, Bowling Green's only doughnut shop that delivers.

"I'm still doing a typical amount of school work, and it's taxing to both own a business and go to school," he said. "I have to get up at 4:30 in the morning. I'm trying to do two things at once, and both are supposed to be full-time jobs."

Shook said he always wanted to own a business.

"I think it's in my blood," he explained. "I had two uncles who owned their own businesses. It's more responsibility but there's also a great deal of satisfaction."

Shook said he plans on keeping The Getaway after he graduates in June.



Dan Shook delivers doughnuts from his business, The Getaway.

"Business is pretty good and our night-time delivery has really taken off," he said. "I didn't plan on making money at first. My goal is to develop the business until it's running profitably. At that point I'll decide where I want to go with it."

Larry Fons, a freshman computer science major, and Steve Edwards, a sophomore majoring in accounting, say their biggest concern at BG Bike and Ski is

running a relaxed, friendly shop.

"We hope to get to know the people who come into the shop as friends, not just customers," Fons said. "I worked in another bike shop for five years. I almost didn't come to college because I wanted to own my own shop. I've always been really interested in bikes."

Fons is the owner of BG Bike and Ski, but only on paper.

"Steve is the manager and I'm the owner, but we're in this thing together," he said.

Edwards described business as "encouraging. We're getting a lot of people in here looking around, asking questions."

Fons said the shop hasn't really interfered with school too much.

"We can study just as well here in the shop," he said. "I've also cut back my hours at school and go to classes year-round so I don't fall behind. I can keep the shop open year-round that way, too."

Edwards explained that the store is really an extension of his and Fons' friendship.

"We're both interested in skiing and bikes. And neither of us is into doing nothing or watching TV," Edwards said.

"Yeah," Fons chimed in. "We're both workaholics. We just don't like sitting around."

The T and M at T&M Sales are Tom Williams, a junior accounting major, and Mike Hart, a sophomore selling and sales major. They run the whole business out of their apartment.

"We're just two guys getting together to make a buck," Hart said. "So far it hasn't been anything spectacular, but we've had a lot of fun."

Hart and Williams sell tennis shoes and imprinted shirts. They used to sell Izod clothing, Williams said, but that "kind of pooped out due to our supplier."

Hart and Williams both agree that running a business has cut into their leisure time, but that they have both benefitted in other ways.

"School's important, but we're getting a lot of practical experience here and enjoying it at the same time," Hart said. "I've learned as much (running this business) as I have in classrooms."



Larry Fons prepares a ski for waxing at BG Bike and Ski.

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photos by Jim Borgen (above)
and Scott Keeler (left)



Working with death, helping the living

For many people, the mere term "mortician" conjures up a ghastly image of a dour, sullen-faced man with ashen skin and a vague personality.

Not true, at least in the case of Stephen Dunn, vice president of Dunn Funeral Home, 408 W. Wooster St.

He's quite the opposite, a youthful, nattily attired man whose cheerful countenance belies the fact that he deals with dead people.

"Our business is very unusual," he concedes. "When we're busy, sometimes we're extremely busy."

Dunn said he comes by his profession almost naturally:

"I lived in or around three of them (funeral homes) since I was 17," he said.

His father, the president of the funeral home, has been in the business for 25 years.

The spacious, four-floor funeral home, which they opened in 1975, was built in 1895 as a home. The Duns have since expanded it.

Before opening their own, they worked for a home that is now their competitor, he said.

Dunn, his wife, a licensed practical nurse at the Community Nursing Home, and their 12-year-old son reside on the third floor of the funeral home.

To become an Ohio mortician, Dunn said, he attended the University for two years, at which time he worked for an ambulance service, attended the only mortuary college in the state (in Cincinnati) for one year and interned in a Toledo funeral home.

"Each state determines what the requirements are," he said. In Ohio, he must have two licenses -- to be an embalmer and to be a funeral director.

The obvious question arises. After embalming "about 1,000" bodies, doesn't he become callous about the grief and suffering he regularly encounters?

"I've had a lot of people ask me," Dunn said with a smile. "I don't think that's true. We're not made of stone. We're human. You've got to really understand and treat each

family differently."

However, he quickly added that one tragedy particularly touches him -- the death of children.

"Children very definitely bother me. I think any funeral director that would say the death of children doesn't bother him is fooling himself, or he just doesn't belong in this business."

In spite of his constant exposure to death and sadness, Dunn gets satisfaction in doing his job well.

"You can see a great satisfaction in most cases," he asserts. "Something that I feel is one of the most satisfying parts of the profession is the embalming, returning them to a natural appearance."

He added that he feels it is often helpful to the bereaved family to see their deceased relative still looking natural after death, especially that relative was very ill or was in an accident.

"We try to do the best we can," he explained. "We feel it's important that the family see them again."

He added that when he was in mortuary school, there were no classes dealing with the treatment of grief and how to relate to different families. Now he often attends various classes and seminars on the subjects.

Two years ago, he attended the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo to learn the practice of eye enucleation, the process of removing eyes which have been donated for medical purposes.

Like everything in life, the cost of dying has also risen drastically. Funerals cost from \$500 on up, he said, with casket styles ranging from all kinds of wood to solid bronze.

Recently, the Federal Trade Commission has been encouraging funeral directors to itemize the various funeral expenses, but the Duns, who list the total price, do not agree with this.

"Families don't have time for that," he said. "Really, I don't think that's going to be doing the family a justice."

Since he knows most of the families he deals with, he said, he must serve them well.

"Most people that come here we know," he said. "In a way, it's certainly different. They're friends of yours. Especially in small towns like this, if we weren't taking care of people, they wouldn't be coming back to us."

Dunn added that he likes the small-town environment Bowling Green provides. It's "not as cold" as cities like Toledo, he said.

"We appreciate very much that the people of Bowling Green accepted us so well," he added.

The most memorable service Dunn has ever provided, he said, was when he embalmed his own grandfather. At first, he didn't think he could do it, but he decided that for his father he would do it.

"I'd have to say it was the best I ever did. It was the most fulfilling but probably the hardest that I had ever done."

Dunn said many people are choosing to make their own funeral arrangements. Arrangements are made, and the money is placed in a savings account, which draws interest to accommodate inflation, he said.

"We have a lot of people who make prearrangements," he explained. "It's the best way to be sure things are going to be the way you want them."

A very simple philosophy of death guides Dunn.

"It's going to happen to all of us. It's a natural thing. I think everyone handles it differently and really doesn't know how he will handle it. We realize that our friends and relatives are going to die someday. I'm just glad that we can help when it does happen."

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